# HARMONY FIRE DISTRICT

194 Putnam Pike Glocester, R.I. 02814

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Harmony Fire District Executive Board was held at the Harmony Fire Station on **Thursday**, **August 20**, **2015**.

Present: Moderator – Milton Huston, Jr.; Chief Stuart Pearson;

Treasurer – Sandra Owens;

Board Members – George Kain, Louise Michaels, James Richards & Raymond Fogarty;

Absent: Tax Collector/Clerk – Kimberly Barber – excused;

Association Representative – Willy Vota, President;

Attorney – Fred Mason, Jr.

<u>Audience</u>: Deputy Chief Jeffrey Muto

## <u>I. – Meeting Called to Order:</u>

The meeting was called to order at **7:00 pm** by Moderator Huston.

# II. – Approval of the minutes from the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting:

The Chief noted that Kim asked that the approval of the minutes from the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting be tabled until next month due to her absence.

Ray made a motion to table the approval of the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting until next month. George seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **III**. – Review of Bills:

A check register of bills paid since the last meeting until today's date was provided to all board members in their folder. Moderator Huston asked if there were any comments or questions on these expenses. The Moderator stated that this is an informational report only and no vote is necessary.

#### **IV.** – Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance May 1<sup>st</sup> \$342,867.10 and ending balance May 31<sup>st</sup> \$327,077.85.

Beginning balance June 1<sup>st</sup> \$327,077.85 and ending balance June 30<sup>th</sup> \$236,183.51.

Sandy said that the total revenue for the year, less expenses, we were only short about \$18,000. This amount will be confirmed by the Auditor, but technically we only needed to take \$18,000 from the general fund to balance the budget last year. She said that about \$80,000 had been approved at the annual meeting, but it wasn't necessary. She said she didn't know how that happened or what, but we really only needed about \$18,000. Milton asked if that is how that works, you really only move what you actually needed? Sandy said she wasn't sure how the Auditor would show that, maybe only on the reports to the state. She wouldn't physically do anything. He said he was just wondering because the motion had passed for a certain dollar amount, so he didn't know how that worked. She said for future meetings we should say up to a certain dollar amount, instead of a specific dollar amount. She won't move anything from one account to another. Milton agreed saying from now on we should use the words "up to."

Sandy said that what looks really good is third party billing for the year totaled \$122,463. So that really bailed us out, because we had budgeted a lot less than that. Ray said we had received a lot more than was expected over the last several months of the year. Sandy said yeah like in July we broke records on the number of runs so we are going to see good money coming in on all of it. George asked if adding weekends had been part of it, I don't know how that breaks out cause Kim didn't have a chance to get back to me. The Chief said he did a quick survey on it since July 1<sup>st</sup> and it's kind of hard to predict. Overall July was the most amount of runs we have had since we started electronic recordkeeping. We had 62 runs. Sandy said that will come up with some really good revenue down the line. Ray asked how long have we been tracking it? The Chief replied since 2007. Ray asked what our average run rate per month was. The Chief said around 35-40, each year it climbs about 10%. Sandy said well we have an aging population, more houses... The Chief said that this week for example we had 4 runs one day, 2 runs another day, 0 another day, there is just no predicting. Milton asked were these 62 runs in Glocester? The Chief said the majority of them were in Glocester and in the Harmony Fire District.

Ray made a motion to accept the May and June Treasurer's reports as presented. Louise seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

## **V.** – Tax Collector's Report:

The Chief state that Kim had left a note for him to report that the tax bills were mailed Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. The total tax levy was \$465,457.56.

Ray said the only thing about that is, we say on that bill that it's due on what, the last day of the month? But we don't even give them a month. Sandy said she doesn't think she charges them interest. Because just depositing the checks that are in there, there's no way she can finish depositing. I have deposited a lot while Kim was out and she's never gonna do it. So I think she doesn't really charge any interest until like the following month or something. She said she didn't really know. Louise said until the next bill comes out, or the second billing she meant. Sandy said no, she would charge sooner than that. Louise said, but she's not going to charge interest to somebody who pays the exact bill amount on September 1<sup>st</sup> right? Sandy said she didn't think she would, that would sound kind of strange to her. There is probably some sort of grace period in there she's sure. Milton said that people should have the 30 days to pay though for sure.

George made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's report as presented by the Chief. Louise seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **VI.** – Chief's Report:

The Harmony Fire District website has been redone. A lot of work was done on it by Kim. The Chief had a sample of the on-line survey site visitors could complete. He also had a sample of a weekly "Stats Report" that the site generates. This report shows how many visitors the site has, new ones, repeat ones, etc. The Chief passed the samples around the table for the board members to view.

The Chief had also received a nice thank you card from the family of Chief Jiggs Chase. He passed this card around as well.

The bid has been awarded for the garage doors and we are moving ahead with this project. We expect it to be completed within the next 4-6 weeks.

All the apparatus have been inspected and are up to DOT regulations. We are working on any other repairs that have to be made to the vehicles.

The Chief asked if George wanted to report on the status of the Radio Communications project. George said that they have met with the other 2 Chiefs and a fire district person from the third district have been working on it. Sandy said we have already got 1 invoice, due in October. George continued saying that they have done the repeater surveys and they should be going ahead with that. They should be starting the work within weeks. The only hold up we had at our last meeting was the Algonquin Tower, Durfee Hill Tower. The Chief said that he could actually talk a little bit about that, we have received some good news. There is another tower site going up the street on Durfee Hill Road. Algonquin is owned by Duke Energy or Algonquin Gas. We had a structural analysis done on the tower. The analysis came back saying that there would need to be structural upgrades done on the tower before we could put the new equipment on and we were told it would be more money, about \$25,000 to have this work done. What we have just found out is that there is a new tower being erected on the corner of Durfee Hill and Gold Mine which is just maybe a few hundred feet up the road. They have been notified that by town ordinance they must provide space for the use of public safety. They are aware of it and are willing to go forward with it. It will be the same elevation and everything. George clarified that the Algonquin tower had been put up before the town ordinance went into effect, so any cost for the antennae would have to be paid for by the fire districts. With the ordinance as it reads now, the owner has to maintain the tower. The only other alternative they had discussed was getting on the DEM tower at George Washington, but they wouldn't have gained any height or anything there.

The Chief also wanted to retouch on the fact that July had been so busy. The most runs going back over 7 years, it was constant. Kudos to the crew members of the department for stepping up and getting out. That was a lot of runs. All hours of the day and all hours of the night too.

We are also working with a Recruitment and Retention grant with the RI Association of Fire Chiefs. This would pay for the new recruits physical, a portion of their training and their turn-out gear. The nice thing is that when they come through the door, we don't have to put out any money. This will save us approximately \$2,500 to almost \$3,000 per person. As long as this grant continues to last we will continue to actively work with it.

The Chief asked the Deputy Chief if he would talk about the new membership we have been getting. Deputy Chief Muto said membership as you all know is ongoing, constantly. We did pick up 4 more applicants. One does have some EMT training, the rest didn't. But fortunately there are 2 Firefighter I classes being offered and we have got them enrolled in that. One other individual is completing a recert on his EMT in order to get certified nationally. The other one is Andy, he became a Paramedic. He challenged the exam and passed. It is a really hard test and he went up to New Hampshire to take it. So it is a constant struggle, but yet it is on the upswing.

Also, the Deputy said, John Falco who you know took a leave, has come back on the active list. The Deputy said he is really glad to have him back. He is very knowledgeable when it comes to the trucks, the town, procedures, how to do things, it's like gaining 5 people having him back.

Louise asked if the individual getting his Paramedic as the only one? The Deputy said that we do have 2 Paramedics on board Andy and Captain Kevin Farley. But yes Andy is the only one to challenge the test so far. He explained that Paramedic class is very hard, very expensive - about \$7,000, and very time consuming - about 18 months and 400 hospital hours. Louise suggested that the board send a letter of congratulations to Andy Raposo for successfully testing for his Paramedic license. For someone to put that much effort in, it's quite something. The board agreed a letter should be sent.

The Chief said that he had planned to do some sort of public recognition for Andy, as well as quite a few other members that have completed or are completing different certifications right now. The Chief also wanted to

mention that although we do have Paramedic level individuals our truck is only licensed at the ALS level. However, our patients do benefit from their high skill levels. He said that RI is transitioning to Paramedic level, but it will be quite some time before that happens.

Jim made a motion to accept the Chief's report. Louise seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

## VII. – Harmony Fire Department & Improvement Association Report:

No report available due to Lt. Vota's absence.

### **VIII.** – Committee Reports:

a. Property Review Work Team – George Kain & Louise Michaels, Co-Chairs
 George stated that this topic would be discussed during Executive Session.
 Ray asked that this topic be removed from the agenda under committee reports and be listed under Executive Session instead each month.

## IX. – Old Business:

a. Disallow vote to add Write-in's to Ballot –
Ray said he thinks we should have the Attorney here before we discuss this item.

George said his wife Stephanie would be willing to talk about this at a future meeting. She is trained to sit at the town polls for elections and might be able to explain this. She said there are no write-ins at the town elections either. You could write Donald Duck or something on there, but it doesn't go anywhere. He said we could also possibly get someone from the Board of Elections to give their opinion. Ray said he thinks we should have Fred talk to someone from the Board of Elections and give us an opinion as to what we did and whether it was even legal or not, because there's a reason you don't do that.

George said he would like to bring up something on that or the slate, but he doesn't know if we should go into Executive Session or not. Some input on what we are doing now.

The Moderator said that we will wait on that. We will wait until we get our Attorneys feed-back on the legality stance on this. But for all intents and purposes it is a write-in ballot. They go out, get signatures, write their name on there. So when he kinda thought about it a little bit he thought, wow this, it really is that. The fact that there is some process behind it, is just to keep it from being a pure mockery. He thinks it is great the way it is. But like we said, let's get our Attorney's input.

George said he had another opinion on it. He would like to bring it up at future time, or some other time, the right time. But he doesn't think our procedure is good the way it is.

Ray said that he does think this is a legal matter, so he does think that we need to bring it up under Executive Session. Jim agreed saying it might have to affect our Charter too. George said yes we would also need a change in the By-Laws too, or the Charter, regarding our election process.

Sandy said she is concerned because Kim has to send the minutes of our meetings to the State within a certain time period and post on the states website. So if the votes are wrong I don't know what you would need to do about that.

Milton said we are not going to change anything though. We voted, but we don't think it was right, so that's where we would need Fred's input. Then we just have to publicize the sounding on that, right? George said he didn't know about that. Milton said no did you change the By-Laws? We didn't change them. Sandy said no you can't it would have required a change of By-Laws to do that. Milton said but we haven't done it that's all I'm saying. George said no I meant if we do change that's what we need to do. Milton said yeah but we don't want to change is what I'm saying and now we have a very strong vehicle to not do it.

Louise said in her opinion you should be able to do it, because you know what you are taking the power away from the people who we represent and if I'm sitting out there... Milton interrupted her to say they already have that Louise. She said no they don't. He said oh stop. She said no they don't Milt. You can't even talk about some things because it's not on the agenda right now. Milton said well I'm not talking about that. She said that's what I'm saying. He said that was his question, how do we get it on the agenda in a timely fashion so people can look at it. His point is the actual write-in ballot, he thinks we have that as far as he's concerned. She said it's just that they have to make the process. He said well yes they have to follow a process. She said OK she misunderstood. He said I agreed with you though I'd don't think it's necessarily, I don't know what... that's what Fred has to comment on. Can someone come to the meeting and say hey, he doesn't know how to handle that, he agrees. But right now he thinks if it's not on the agenda, we have to say so and he didn't know enough to say so.

Jim said and I think that's what will be solved through the classes that Kim and Sandy took, right? Sandy say yes, according to the Open Meetings laws. That's why she made sure Kim got this for under new business, rather than just bringing it up because we need to vote on it tonight. It needs to be on the agenda, then we can vote on it. Louise asked Sandy, so if something is listed under old business then we can revisit it, correct? Sandy said technically we shouldn't even have old and new business. Milton said yes well that's what I was saying, I thought we were done with that? Sandy said I don't know why we still have it, um yeah I will look at it. Louise said, so every item that has been brought up in the past needs to be a new agenda item? Sandy said I think once you have discussed it one meeting you can vote on it the next meeting. Jim said but it would have to be on the agenda. Louise said so anything we had tabled then would need to be listed on the agenda again. Jim said yes. Sandy said the now technically under Treasurer's Report you have to say May Report and June Report, you can't just say Treasurer's Report. Sandy said between Kim and I we better study it some more. Milton said OK, nothing like some good education.

Louise said so still under Old Business has anybody reconsidered the energy issue that we discussed 4 or 5 months ago? She said she knows the state voted not to charge the standard adjustment fee that came through the legislature. But they are not going to have that forever, it just for a short time frame she believes. She said she doesn't know if we can discuss it because it's not on the agenda. Milton said so it's not a motion at this point it's just discussion. Sandy said yes you can discuss and research and you can put it on the agenda for next month. Ray said we need someone who is an expert to advise this board as to what we can and can't do, and should and shouldn't do. Because he has been to another meeting with the Lieutenant Governor who is leading the charge and knows more about it than most people and he is the one who said to hold off until X happens. And X did happen and now he has a sub-committee. But Ray said that he doesn't ever want to pretend to be an expert in that area. Energy is very complicated and the future of energy is very complicated. That's why even going along with the town on whether we use Reichert each year, as far as the bid process goes, it's like gambling, sometimes you win and sometimes you lose. He does think Louise is right, we would be crazy not to look at it because there is a lot of advantage to changing the way that we do it and there is little risk down side.

But somebody who knows how to do it and select the right company has to advise us, him at least. Milton said so what are we talking about though? In term of the vendor, supplying fuel... Ray said no the electric rates. He said Louise knows a lot more about it than he does. Louise said the departments current electric rate when she looked at it in April was \$.16 per kilowatt hour. And the company that she is involved in right now is \$.099 per hour. That is a huge savings for the amount of electricity that we consume. So at the time there was discussion about the standard adjustment fee, which if you switch you had to pay for back fees because Narragansett Electric was charging less than what they were actually paying for electricity. The Public Utilities Committee could not let them charge more than X amount of cents per kilowatt hour. So they were at the maximum even though they were paying this much more. So now as the summer usage is less they don't charge any more, but they don't charge any less it's a zone rate. They keep it at that standard rate to make up for what they lost. Ray said Narragansett Electric doesn't care whether they provide your energy or not, they could care less, they are the transmission only. Louise agreed saying, they just want to service the lines, they had to choose. The Chief asked if anyone has looked into it for the town? Ray said someone from the town should have looked into it for them. Louise said that she knew the town of Scituate did and she believes they are locked in with North American Power. They are very expensive and charge a fee if you decide you don't want to stay with them. She said with the company that she represents, Ambit Energy, there is no charge to sign on, there is no charge to sign off, they just do it for you. George said he would have to check into it. The Chief asked so is that the direction we want to go in? Ray said because Louise was associated with the firm she had to be careful because it was a conflict of interest, that's A. But B we need to hear 2 or 3 people from different companies come out and make a presentation about why they're the best and learn about it as a group. Milt said alright, good point. Ray continued and said, but someone has to put that team together and he doesn't want to do it. So, Louise said, you were just thinking to have representatives from other companies that provide energy like someone from North American Power. See if they're willing to come out? George agreed saying he would like to hear their presentations. Ray said yes, and then if Louise's company was chosen, she would have to recues herself. Louise said that she could have her regional consultant come out and she would just not be involved in the voting. Ray said they would have Fred advise her to make sure she was protected. Sandy asked if this was something we would have to get bids for? Milt asked if National Grid would come out as well. Louise said they already have our business. He said well they can also be the provider, right? She replied that they could, but they don't care if they retain it or not. On their website they say they encourage you to look for alternate energy suppliers. Ray said they used to fight about it, but they lost that battle. He asked if the Chief could speak to someone from McKey's office. This guy who runs the RI Manufacturer's Association has his own ideas and he has his own company that he favors, he knows a lot about it. Louise asked if the board would like this presentation set up for the September meeting. She said we are coming up on our higher energy usage season. Milt said he thought that was a good idea. Louise said well it would have to be on the agenda. Sandy said yeah, you would have to ask Kim to put it on the agenda, she thinks that's what needs to be done. Milt said yes under "New Business?" Ray said there are also all sorts of new solar grants. The state is putting out money like crazy for public entities. You don't have to put out a dime, you don't have a bill, so whatever savings you receive it just goes to your bottom line. He feels every homeowner should do that now, have someone go out and check it out. Louise said kind of like RISE. Ray said yes. But they make RISE sound like it isn't a private thing, but somehow it is private. Ray noted that Fred would be contacted to make sure he was at the September meeting.

### **X.** – New Business:

a. Tier Classification for State Reporting Purposes Sandy said as you know there are Tiers I and II according to the state. Tier I is the highest, most rigid audit requirements. This requires you to go out on bid for an audit firm and the financial statements must be prepared in accordance with the requirements prescribed by the government accounting standards board. It's a very, very high level of requirements. Our By-Laws say, "it shall be the Executive Committee's duty to see that the accounts of the Treasurer and of the Collector of

Taxes are duly audited in such a manner as they may see fit". "If you choose Tier II you can retain your current auditor" is what the CPA at the state, Rina, told Sandy. The Tier II requirements are less rigid and will cost us less money. We do have a CPA. It doesn't require their preapproval. If you're Tier I they have to approve the accountant you choose. With Tier II we choose our own accountant. So if we vote OK on this then Sandy completes a form and submits it to the Auditor General to notify and request approval. The approval can cover up to a 3 year period. Sandy recommended using Tier II, as it will be much easier auditing requirements. We have no pensions and we have a minimal outstanding loan. There are lots of complications for the Tier I districts.

Ray asked if there was a break point though in the dollar amount. George said yes. Sandy said yes, but we have the option though of choosing either or, that's what Rina had told her. Because our By-Laws are fairly vague we can choose to be Tier II and Sandy would recommend Tier II. She said believe me, there are plenty of requirements in Tier II. Milt asked if there was a lower Tier. Sandy said Tier I we wouldn't qualify for. Milt said no, is there a Tier III? The Chief said yes, there was a Tier III. Milt said maybe Tier III would be something a little more simpler for us? Sandy replied no Tier III is the higher one. Milt said OK, so that's what he was getting at, he thought Tier I was the highest? She said sorry, I am getting so confused by it, yes Tier I is the highest. Tier II is really more appropriate for us, Tier III is... Ray interrupted saying this woman you are talking to at the Auditor General's office she's not giving you advice either way is she? She's just telling you to choose? Sandy said yes. Ray continued saying then if they choose to audit us it's not at their recommendation, we have made our own determination, we submitted it and they approved us. Sandy said yeah and it is good that they are allowing us to do that. Because it is kind of marginal, we could go either way. Ray said to the Chief and Sandy that the work they do is unbelievable and the work that Geoff [Malo] and Kim do is unbelievable, but it is not that complicated of a budget. He said believe him he has been on other boards recently and the lack of having an operating budget to the degree that we have, not mentioning any other station or anything, but some of them are horrific. Coventry is a public example, but there are a bunch of boards that are non-profit that are not meeting our standard by any means. Our standard is fairly rigid. The stuff that we do every month and the checks and balances we put in place are as good as any. Sandy said that with Tier II Geoff [Malo] is even going to have to put more time and expense into it. Jim said yes we had known that when we were preparing the budget.

Ray made a motion, based on the Treasurer's recommendation, to submit the appropriate paperwork to the Auditor General selecting Tier II within the classifications as prescribed by the Auditor General. Louise seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

Louise had a question for the Chief at this point. She wasn't sure if she should address this under New Business or if she was way out of order. Milt jokingly said he would let her know. She continued saying that it had come to her attention that in RI, anyone who has a DNR [Do Not Resuscitate] they have a compassion or a comfort bracelet. She had heard about it from a woman at the Village at Waterman Lake. She wondered if there was perhaps anyone in our community that needed to know this information. She said it was the first time she had ever heard anything about it and she is here [at the station] once a month, so she felt there must be other people who didn't know as well. What do our EMT's do if they show up on a scene with one of these individuals, just give drugs? The Chief explained that there is more than one type and this is all taught to our EMT's when they go through the basic level class. She said that's great but how do you go about getting the bracelet? Is there a form or something? She stated she was asking as both a resident and a board member. This is something she would like to find out about for her own Mother. Milton suggest that Louise should really talk to her doctor about this. Sandy agreed saying it is good public information though. The Chief continued saying that this is usually brought about as a private discussion between a doctor and his patient. The doctor tells the

patient that there isn't much more that he can do for them and this is what he would like to do. Deputy Chief Muto asked if he could address the board about the subject. He explaining that once the rescue is on scene and they are advised it is a DNR, the first thing they ask for is the paperwork. They have to check it for accuracy and make sure it is up-to-date. If it is up-to-date and accurate and the patient is in a comatose state, there's not much they can do. They don't transport or anything like that. If they cannot produce that paperwork, even if they are abstinent about the patient being a DNR, they will transport and perform life saving measures. The other level is Comfort 1. Which is a person who goes into a comatose state or respiratory arrest. They will comfort them, put oxygen on them, transport them to the hospital, they'll keep them warm. But they don't necessarily give them life saving drugs. They will administer oxygen and morphine for pain because the object of Comfort 1 is to keep them comfortable. So there are 2 areas there. Paperwork for both has to be produced at the time of the incident and be up-to-date. If someone has Power of Attorney over a patient they can also get a DNR or a Comfort 1 for them. Louise asked if the 2 were independent of each other. The Deputy Chief said yes. She said they don't have both? He said no, it's their choice. He said it depends on what's going on with that person. Some people have terminal cancer, they're in pain, they know it's toward the end, but they want to be comfortable. No one wants to suffer, that's the Comfort 1 idea. For the DNR the patients they usually see are the stage 4 cancer patients, people in comatose states from trauma accidents, stuff like that. There isn't much you can do. We see a lot of Comfort 1's and in the nursing homes there are a lot of DNR's. Ray asked, for the family member like Louise's what's the best one to counsel the family with the Mother there to talk so that there's no misunderstanding at the time of death? Usually, especially in a nursing home, they do provide a social worker to help with that. Ray asked if she had siblings? She said yes. He said that she should make sure that they are part of it also, so there's no blame. Louise said that her Mother says she has a legal document that says that she has a DNR, but she's not sure if the nursing home has it on file, she doubts that she has one on her person and she doesn't have one on herself if she is out with her. So she wanted to know if this bracelet kind of superseded it. The Chief suggested that Louise talk to the nursing home staff about this. Sandy said in her experience they are usually pretty good about this. Jeff mentioned that Louise also check to make sure that her Mother's Will also does not conflict with the DNR statement, that way any family issues can be avoided too.

George stated that he would like to briefly report on the monthly three fire district meeting. As everyone knows the Chief and himself have been attending this meetings to talk about the communications project, station coverage and numerous other topics. He said these meetings have been very constructive and the repore is excellent. A lot of good suggestions have come from the center of town. He said he thinks that is good because a lot of other towns with fire districts don't seem to be as harmonious. The Chief said he agreed. Milton also said it is good to hear because consolidation was an issue that people were bringing up at the Annual meeting. So collaboration that is a great way to start it. Ray said yes, but on our own terms too. George said that the meetings did not say that that necessarily had to happen now, maybe in the future sometime. But we are on board with doing a lot of group things together though, that is a necessary thing. The Chief said yes we are moving, some things slower than others, but we are moving. George said yes we had a little snafu on the radio thing, maybe we are month behind or 2 months behind. But as long as it is done before the bad weather he thinks it will be OK.

George also presented a copy of a Block Grant ad for Glocester that he saw in the paper. The Chief said that this was all new ground to him. He said he knew that that Town had submitted a Block Grant to the state for low income housing. He is sure that there are probably other opportunities within this program that we might apply for, but he needs time. Milton said that the cut off for projects under this grant would need to be submitted to them before August 31st. The Chief said if we can't get in on it this year, next year for sure. George said he agreed he just didn't want any opportunity to slip by. Maybe if the Chief spoke to the people in the Clerk's office, Jean Fecteau or Susan Harris, he is sure they could help him. The Chief said he agreed. Just give him some time to look into it. He said there isn't a day that goes by that either the Deputy Chief or himself

doesn't think about or look for funding opportunities. George said he was aware of that. The board thanked George for bringing this topic to their attention.

XI. – Public Input: No audience present.

#### **XII.** – Executive Session:

Ray made a motion to go into Executive Session regarding a Possible Property Acquisition, pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(5). Louise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board recessed for Executive Session at 7:55 pm.

A motion was made by Ray to reconvene the regular meeting at 8:11 pm. The motion was seconded by George. The motion carried unanimously.

The Moderator stated that no votes had been taken while in Executive Session.

A motion was then made by George to seal the minutes of the Executive Session. Louise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **XIII.** – Adjournment:

Louise made a motion to adjourn the meeting. George seconded it. The motion carried unanimously. The August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Harmony Fire District Executive Board was adjourned at **8:13 pm**.

The next meeting of the Harmony Fire District Executive Board will be Thursday, September 17, 2015, 7:00 pm, at the Harmony Fire Station.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kimberly S. Barber Tax Collector/Clerk